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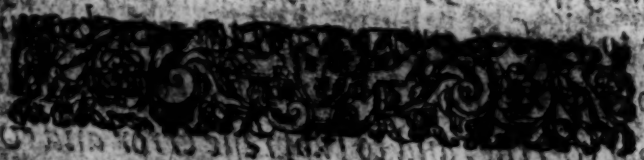
Ministred and given in charge to the  
Church wardens and Side men within  
the same Diocesse.



By the Reverend Father in God **RICHARD**  
Gods providence Bishop of CHICHESTER  
in his generall Visitation: Holden  
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The forme of the Oath which according to the 119. Canon, is to be administred unto the Church-wardens and Sidemen.

**W**hen you shall sweare, that you, and e-very of you shall duely consider, and diligently enquire of all and e-very of these Articles gi-ven you in charge: and that all affection, fa-vour, hope of reward and gaine, all feare of displeasure, or offending any, all malice, en-uy, and like sinister affections set apart, you shall present all and e-very such persons, of, or within your Parish, as ha-ve committed any offence, or made any default mentioned in these, or any of these Articles, wherein you shall deale uprightly, sincerely, plainly, and fully, neither presenting, nor sparing to present any contrary to truth, ha-ving God before our eyes, with an earnest Zeale to maintaine truth and Vertue, and to suppress error and vice: So helpe you God, and the holy contents of this Booke.

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# Articles concerning Religion and Doctrine.



**V**ETHER be there any one, or more, dwelling, lodging or abiding in your Parish, that hold, defend, set forth, or propose any Heresie, error, or false opinions, contrary to holy Scripture, the three Creeds, the Booke of Thirtie nine Articles, the Booke of Common Prayer, the Booke of Consecrating and ordaining Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, whether there be any in your Parish, that oppose, denie, or other wise traduce the Kings Majesties lawfull, and established Supremacie over all persons, in ecclesiastical Ecclesiasticall or Temporall things, by any manner of words or Donishions,

**3** Whether there be any that affirme, or maintaine that the Church of England is not a true Church, but Hereticall, or Schismaticall, and that refuse to come into the public service, to receive the Sacraments, to participate in other Divine Acts and ceremonies with the Church of England, either as Popish Recusants, or Puritanicall Separatists and Schismatickes.

**4** Whether there be any in your Parish that doe or hath frequented, celebrated, or been any unlawfull Assemblies, private meetings, or conventicles in private houses, under colour or pretext of Religion, repeating of Sermons, expounding of Scripture, or that holdeth such meetings to be lawfull, to be according to Gods Word, or such as may challenge the name of a Church.

**5** Whether any in your Parish doe publicly, sell, whisper, or communicate to others, any superstitious or Popish bookes, or writings, any Schismaticall, and Hereticall Libells, treatises, or papers, Detracting from, or contrary to the



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Religion, State, Church Government of this Kingdome of England, the Lawes and Canons of the same, the Ministry and Priest-hood therein: Present their names, qualities and conditions.

Articles concerning divine Service and administration of the Sacraments:

**H**ath any of, or in your Parish spoken, or declared any thing to disgrace, despise, contemn or derogate from the forme of Divine Service, in the Booke of Common Prayer?

2. Be there any in your Parish that either absolutely refuse to come into Church and be present at Prayer, or ordinarily walke abroad, or that usually tarry at home, or come not into the Church till Sermon begin?

3. Doth your Minister orderly reade Divine Service according to the Injunctions in the booke of Common Prayer: doth he diminish, alter, or change the forme prescribed, in part, or in all, using Prayers in stead thereof, of his owne devising, and concerning?

4. Whether doth hee reade the Confession, and absolution thereupon to be pronounced, or doth he change the words thereof to make it a Prayer, doth he in reading the first, and second lessons, expound the Chapters, as he readeth: doth he stand at the Gospell and Creed, and observe the forme prescribed in the Booke, or not?

5. Whether is the Sacrament of Baptisme by him rightly and duly administered according to the prescript forme expressed in the booke of Common Prayer, without adding, altering, or detracting from any part, or point therein: Doth hee refuse to use the Interrogatories prescribed, the signe of the Crosse commanded: Doth hee use the words, and not use the

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**A**de : hath he admitted the Fathers, or Mothers in publike, or in private Baptisme to be Godfathers and Godmothers to their owne children : whether doth he use to Baptise the childe at the Font, or in some Basen at his seate where he readeth Prayer, or is the Font translated and placed there, or nere thereto from the Church-dooze, where it should stand, signifying that Baptisme is our entry into the Church of God :

**¶** Whether hath he refused in case of necessity, to Baptise Children at home, haue any so died unbaptized, or will he not baptise the Children of Baptists being offered to baptisme : such as he bringe out of wedlocke as bastards, or vnlesse the Father will affirme publikely at the Font, being asked, it is his owne child :

**7** Whether is the blessed Sacrament of the Lords Supper so administred as is prescribed, viz: once euery Moneth, or thrice at the least in the yeare :

**I**tem in time of administration are any suffered to be present, that doe not communicate : Doth your Minister in administering it vse the garments, and vestments prescribed, Doth he consecrate the bread and Wine, with those words that are set downe, if not, how and in what manner :

**9** Doth he first reuerently vpon his knees receiue himselfe, and then seuerally, and distinctly giue it to the communicants, they meakely kneeling, and not standing or sitting either at the table, or vpon some bench : Whether is the Bread whole, some and suete : Is the Wine as it should be, representing blood : not Hacke, Whitewine, Water, or some other liquoz. And if more bread and wine be afterward brought, the first not sufficing which was consecrated, doth he first vse the words of consecration vpon it, before he giue it to the Communicants, as is prescribed Can. xxi.

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10 Whether in solemnizing of Marriage, visitation of the sick, Buriall of the dead, Churching of women, both your Minister use such manner and forme, such words, rites, and Ceremonies, as are prescribed: and if not, then in what manner doth he perforce them?

Articles concerning the Church, the Ornaments,  
sacred utensiles, and possessions of the same.

1 **V**Whether have you in your Church, the whole Bible, of the largest volume, and last Translation, the Booke of Common Prayer, with the Booke of Ordination of Bishops, Priests and Deacons, the two Bookes of Psalteries?

2 Have you a Font of Stone, for the administration of Baptisme, set vp in the vsuall place nere the Church doore, with a cover to keepe it from dust and soyle?

3 Have you a convenient, and recent Communion Table, placed conveniently as it ought, with a Carpet of like, or some other comely stuffe to be layd upon it in time of divine Service, and a cleane linnen cloth for the time of Communion?

4 Is it prophaned at any time, by sitting on it, casting hats or cloakes upon it, wringing, or casting up accounts, or any other indecent vsage?

5 Have you in your Church a convenient seate for your Minister to reade divine Services, and to preach in, a comely, large, and fine Surplice, a Communion Cup and flagon of silver or pewter, a Chest for the vestments with three lockes and keyes, another chest for keeping the bookes, ornaments, and utensils of the Church. Have you a Register Booke in parchment for Christninge, Burialle, Marriages, and also these duly and faithfully written and recorded therein, or not, and is the same safely kept in a Chest with three lockes and keyes according to the Canon?

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6 Whether is your Church, Chappell, Chancel, sufficient-  
ly repaired, decently and comely kept, as wel within as with-  
out, be the seats maintained, the Steeles and Vels preserved,  
the windows glazed, the floore paved, and all things in such  
sort as may well besemie the house of God?

7 Whether is your Church-yard well mounded, and fenced,  
kept cleane without dung, or soyle cast into it: is it inroa-  
ched vpon, and by whom? doe any offensively keepe doores,  
outlets, or passages into your Church-yard: doe any vse to  
quarrell, fight, play, or make meetings, banquets, Church-ales  
there: doe any keepe Courts, Lutes, Law-dages, Faires, or  
Musters there: or otherwise vse it being a consecrated place,  
prophanely contrary to the 88. Canon?

### Articles concerning Ministers and Preachers of Gods Word.

1 Whether is your Minister or Preacher or not of what  
degree is he in the University, is he a licensed Prea-  
cher, doth he personally reside vpon his benefice: if not, how  
long doth he vse to absent himselfe how doth he take order for  
serving of his Cure, whether by a sufficient and honest man:  
what allowance doth he make him according to the proportion  
of his Benefice?

2 Whether is your Minister or Curate a man of honest life,  
fame and reputation, a quarreller, wake-bate, follower of Wife,  
sedition, discontented: doth he commonly vse the houses, or vi-  
laine full games, is he defamed or detested for drunkenness,  
swearing, swaggering, or any inuolent misbehaviour, to the  
disgrace of his holy function and calling?

3 Doth your Minister catechise the youth of the Parish vpon  
Sundays in the afternoon, halfe an houre before evening  
prayer, in that Catechisme authorized in the communion book,  
and no other, and if any Parishioners refuse to send their chil-

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4 Whether doth your Minister admit to preach in his Cure any stranger without requiring his Licence, or any inconfirmable man, or suspended from Preaching: and if yea, how often, and whom hath he so admitted?

5 Hath your Minister preached against, or confuted any Doctrine deliuered by any other minister, in the same, or any other Church within the Diocesse, before he hath acquainted the Bishop therewith, and bene directed by him what to doe: to the disturbance of the Churches peace, or the Scandall, or offence of others?

6 Hath your Minister preached or taught any new, and strange Doctrine contrary vnto, or disagreeing from the booke of Articles, and the literall sense thereof: Doth your Minister preach or teach any thing contrary to his Majesties late Instructions, about Predestination, falling from Grace, &c. To trouble mens minds with those deepe and darke points, which of late haue so distracted and engarboyled the world?

7 Doth your Minister vse in his prayer, to pray for the King, the Queene, Clergie, Counsell, &c. And conclude with the Lords prayer according to the 55. Canon?

8 Hane you any superintended Preacher or Lecturer in your Parish: doth he twice in the yeare at least, read Divine Service, both morning and evening, two severall Sundays, publicly in his surplice: doth he twice a yeare administer the Sacraments, with such Rites and Ceremonies as be prescribed in the Communion booke, according to the 56. Canon?

9 Doth your Minister solemnly kyd holy daies, and fasting dayes in the weeke following, hath he married any without asking the banns thrice, doth he with his owne head and voluntee motio, appoint or keep any solemn fasts publicly or in private houses,

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houses, other than such as by law are, or by authoritie shall be appointed, or is he present at any such, in, or out of his parish: Doth he hold, or frequent any meetings for Sermons, commonly called, Prophesyings, or exercises in market townes, or other places: Doth he vpon any pretence whatsoever by fasting and prayer take vpon him to cast out any Diuell, or Diuels in any obsessed or possessed person?

10 Doth your Minister vpon euery Sunday when there is no Sermon, read an Homilie, or some part thereof, doth he once in the yere reade ouer the booke of Canons, vpon some Sundaies, or Holy daies, befoze euening prayer, accoꝝding to the Injunction from his Maiessty?

11 Doth your Minister vpon euery Wednesday and Friday reade the Letany in your Parish Church, or Chappell, accoꝝding to the 15. Canon: hath he not diuers times omitted so to doe since your last presentments?

12 Doth your Minister alwayes, and at euery time both moꝝning and euening, reading diuine Service, & administering the Sacraments, & other Rites of the Church, weare the Surplice accoꝝding to the Canons, and doth he neuer omit wearing of the same at such times?

13 Doth your Minister vse in his common course of life that decent apparrell, answerable to his calling and degree, both abroad and at home, in iourneyes and otherwise, as is ordained by the 74. Canon?

14 Hath any man residing in your Parish being a Deacon, or Priest, relinquished his Function, and betaken himselfe to a Laymans life, or vocation?

15 Doth any Person of what degree or calling soeuer keepe or retaine in his house any Chaplaine, or Minister, to reade Psalms, preach, instruct his family, who are they, how many, of what condition or degree?

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16 Doth your Minister desire, and dwell upon his Parsonage, the Vicarage house, or else where, doth he keepe it in good and sufficient reparations or not?

17. Doth your Minister pearly in Rogation weeke, for the knowing and distinguishing of the bounds of Parishes, and for obtaining Gods blessing upon the fruites of the ground, walke the Perambulation, and say, or sing in English, the Gospels, Epistles, Letanie, or other devout prayers, together with the hundred and thirde, and hundred and fourth Psalmes?

18 Whether your Minister be knowne to be, or is vehemently suspected to be, an Usurer, Regent, Wood-monger, buyer and seller of Timber, or to vse any other scandalous and defamed trade, and course of life, contrary to the Statute of this Realme, and honour of his calling?

19 Doth your Minister befoze the severall times of administering the holy Communion, especially befoze Easter, admonish & exhort his Parishioners, if they have their consciences troubled, to resort unto him, or some other learned and discreet Minister, to reveale, and open his griefe, and inquietude, that he may receive such Choicely counsell and comfort, that his conscience may be quieted, and himselfe receive the benefit of Absolution?

20 If any man confesse his secret and hidden sinnes to the Minister, for the disburthening of his conscience, and receiving consolation, doth, or hath the minister at any time revealed that thing committed to his trust and secrecie, contrary to the 113. Canon?

## Articles concerning Matrimonic.

1 **H**ave any banomerles within your parish, that were within the degrees of affinity, or consanguinity by the law of God forbidden: if any, present their names.



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2 Have any within your Parish, bene married secretly in private houses, or without their parents, or governours consent signified, being under the age of one and twenty years.

3 Doe any persons lawfully married, live asunder, unlawfully, and in whom is the default?

4 Have any persons (their banes being not thrice published in the Church) bene married without License, who were present at such marriages, and what Minister married them?

5 What Popish Recusants, or their children have bene married in your Parish, in what sort was the Patrimoine solemnized, when, and by whom? have any persons bene married in prohibited times without Licence?

## Articles concerning the Church-wardens.

1 **B**E the Church-wardens chosen by the Minister and Parishioners, according to the 89. Canon, and whether hath any taken upon him to be Church-warden, being not chosen, or hath any continued one year in his office without a new choice?

2 Have any Church-wardens retained any of the Church goods, and not made a just account of what they have received, and expended?

3 Have your Church-wardens, and Side-men bene, and are they diligent in their office, to see decency kept in the Church, and order in the time of common Prayer, and administration of the Sacraments, and that there be no disturbance, but sobernes and quietnesse in the Church. And doe the Church-wardens keepe a booke in your parish, wherein the Names of every Strange Preacher in your parish is set downe, and have the Church-wardens suffered any to preach not shewing or having no License.

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### Articles concerning the Parishioners.

1 **D**oe any in your Parish prophane the Sunday by unlawful games, drinkeing, or tipling in the time of Common prayer or Sermon; and by woꝝking and doing the ordinary woꝝkes of their vocation and trades?

2 Are there any in your parish that doe impugn or speake against the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England, or the lawfull vse of them: And the government of this Church vnder his Maieselly by Arch-bishops, Bishops and other ecclesiastical officers?

3 Who in your Parish doe come to Sermon onely, and not to diuine Service, And who doe not reuerently behaue themselves during the time of diuine service, devoutly kneeling, when the generall confession of sins, the Letany, the ten Commandments, and all Prayers and Collects are reade, and vsing all due and lowly reuerence, when the blessed name of the Lord Iesus is mentioned, and standing vp when the Articles of the Beliefe, & Gloria Patri are read or said: who doe couer their heads in the Church during the whole time of diuine Service, vntill it be in case of necessitie, in which case they may weare a nightcap, or who doe giue themselves to babling, talking, or walking, and are not attentive to heare the Word read and preached? Have any to your knowledge, publikely or priuately spoken against the bending of the knee at the name of the Lord Iesus, or vsed disgracefull speech against the aede, or such as vse the aede of reuerend bowing toward the Communion Table, when they come to it to administer the Sacrament &c. What words haue bene vsed, by whom or where that way: tell their names, and words spoken, if you can?

4 Is there any in your Parish hauing a Preacher to their Minister, that doe absent themselves from his Sermons, and resort to other places, to heare other Preachers: or doe any in your parish communicate or baptize their children in any other parish.

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5 Are there any in your parish that refuse to haue their children baptized, or themselves to receiue the Communion of your Minister, taking exception against him; or haue any wimes that refuse to come to Church, according to the booke of Common Prayer, to giue thanks to God for their safe deliuerance, in a decent habite, as hath bene anciently accustomed?

6 Hath any in your Parish spoken slanderous and reproachfull wordes against your Minister, to the scandal of his vocation, or against his neighbour, defaming them touching any crime of Ecclesiasticall cognizance?

7 Whether doe any in your parish exercise any trade, or labour, buy, or sell, or keepe open shops, or set out any wares to be sold upon Sundaies, or Holidayes, by themselves, their seruants, or Apprentices, or haue otherwise profaned the said dayes?

8 Is the fift of November kept holy, and thankgiuing made to God, according to the order set forth in that behalfe?

9 Is there any in your Parish that be, or are commonly knowne, or reputed to be Blasphemers of Gods holy name, Drunkards, Adulterers, Fornicators, Incestuous persons, concealers, or harbourers of Fornicators, or Adulterers: Haue any bene detected or heebemently suspected of such notorious crimes, and what penance haue they done for the same?

10 What person or persons haue dyed, and departed this mortalitie since the second day of Februarie last past, and whether did they make any last wills, or Testaments, and who were their Executors, or whether dyed they intestate, and who hath the administration of their goods: and what be the names of such deceased, and Executors, and Administrators?

11 Whether haue you in your parish administered the goods of any person deceased without lawfull authoritie, and before he, or they haue proued the will or Testament of the party deceased.



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12. **W**hat persons be excommunicate within your Parish, and for what cause to your knowledge, and doe any of them repaire to the Church, in the time of prayer unabsoled?

13. **W**hether have any in your Parish given to the Church, Masters or Servants, or to any of them any evil words for doing their duties according to their Duties and consciences, in making presentment for any fault?

14. **W**hether have any within your Parish harboured any communicable persons begotten with child, and have suffered her to depart away unpunished?

## Articles concerning Schoole-masters, Physicians, and Chirurgeans, and Parish Clerkes.

1. **I**f there any Schoole-master in your Parish that teacheth publicly or privately, not licensed by the Ordinary, the Bishop of the Diocese: Doth he teach any Papists or hereticks children that come not to Church: And doth he instruct all his Schollers to learne the best Catechisme, by Wato established, contained in the booke of Common Prayer: Is he grave, and sufficient to teach?

2. **D**oeth any Knight or Gentleman, or any others of your Parishoners keepe any Schoole-master in his house, to teach his children: present the names of the teacher, and entertainer?

3. **I**f any such Schoole-master be so entertained doth he use to say prayers, to expound Scriptures, to preach at the table, either upon Sundays, holy days, or after Dinner and Supper: If so, present their names.

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4 What Whetstone of Chirurgeon is in your Parish unlicensed, and being within the scope of Physicke, in either of the Universities, or in the scope of Physicke. And what ignorant persons have left their trade, and taken upon them to practise Physick, or Chirurgerie: and who be they that so abuse the people?

5 Have you a fit Parish Clarke aged threety yeres at least, of honest life, able to reade and write. Are his and the Parsons wages paid without fraud, if not, then whose default is it. By whom is he chosen: Is he diligent in his Office, & serviceable to the Minister: Doth he meddle with any thing above his office, doth he keep the Church cleane, the doores locked. Is any thing lost or spoiled by his default, and doth he execute his office duly?

## Articles concerning Ecclesiasticall Officers.

1 Hath any Chancelor, Deputy, or Scurmage, or any other exercising Ecclesiasticall Jurisdiction within this Diocese, or any Register, Apparitor, or other Officer belonging to the Ecclesiasticall Court, executed any extraordinary or greater fees, than heretofore of late hath bene accustomed, or than are expressed in the table of fees, set up in the Consistorie; declaring what fees are due?

2 Lastly, Doe you know any other matter woorthy of presentment, or any other person or persons, which have committed any fault, or offence contrary to his Majesties Ecclesiasticall Lawes, or hereof vehemently suspected, not set down or expressed in these Articles, or which have committed any of the said faults, and the names of such persons which have committed, or are vehemently suspected of committing the same offences?

There shall be a full, and severall presentment, or answer made to every severall Article.

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**M**emorandum, it is lawfull for every Minister  
(be he Parson, Vicar, or Curate) to present  
any enormity, or common fame of any enor-  
mous crime that shall arise within his Parish.  
And whereas it seemeth by the Canon, that  
the Officers are not to present oftner than  
twice a yeare: it is to be understood, as in that  
Canon appeareth, of presentments in generall.  
But it is lawfull and meete for every Minister,  
Church wardens, and Sidemen to make noto-  
rious offenders knowne to their Ordinaries, as  
often as occasion is offered, to the end that such  
offences may in due time bee punished and re-  
formed.